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CARICOM ENERGY POLICY APPROVED BY ENERGY MINISTERS AT FORTY-FIRST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COTED ON ENERGY



Ministers and Delegates at the 41st Special COTED on Energy held in Trinidad and

Tobago, 1 March 2013 (L-R): 1. Mr. Idries Taus, Advisor in Ministry of Natural Resources, **Suriname**; 2. Mr. Girvan Pigott, OPM, **Antigua & Barbuda**; 3. Dr. Colin Young, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Energy, S&T etc, **Belize**; 4. Mrs. Yvonne Barrett-Edwards, Director in Ministry of Energy, etc, **Jamaica**; 5. **Dr. the Hon. James Fletcher**, Minister of Sus. Dev., Energy, S&T, **Saint Lucia**; 6. Dr. Patrick Antoine, Ministry of Finance, Energy, Economic Development et al, **Grenada**; 7. Amb Brian Challenger, OPM, **Antigua & Barbuda**; 8. **Sen. The Hon. Audrey Grant**, Minister of Energy, S&T etc, **Belize**; 9. **Hon. Phillip Paulwell**, Minister of Energy, etc, **Jamaica**; 10. **Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore**, Minister, Energy, etc, **Dominica** (CHAIR OF COTED); 11. **Sen. the Hon. Kevin Ramnarine**, Minister of Energy etc, **Trinidad and Tobago**; 12. Ms. Valerie Browne, Permanent Secretary, Energy, etc in OPM, **Barbados**; 13. Mr. William Hinds, Prime Minister's Office, **Barbados**; 14. **Hon. Charles Kirron**, Deputy Premier, **Montserrat**; 15. Ms. Michelle Walters, Tech. Officer, NIA, **St. Kitts & Nevis**; 16. Mr. Bryan Haynes, OPM, **Barbados**; 17. **Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves**, Prime Minister, **St. Vincent & the Grenadines**; 18. Ms. Judith Ephraim, Div Head Ministry of SD, Energy, S&T, **Saint Lucia**; 19. Mr. Curtis Deenah, Team Leader, CEIS; 20. Mr. Timmy Baksh, Snr Officer, Ministry of Energy, **Trinidad & Tobago**; 21. Mr. Thomas Scheutzlich, CREPD/GIZ; 22. Mr. Lucien Blackmoore, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, etc, **Dominica**; 23. Dr. Jerrol Thompson, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Energy, **St. Vincent & the Grenadines**; 24. Mr. Joseph Williams, Prog. Manager, Energy, CARICOM Secretariat; 25. Dr. Victorio Oxilia-Davalos, Executive Secretary, OLADE. **SHOWN AT INSET** are: **The Hon. Robert Persaud**, Minister of Natural Resources & the Environment, **Guyana** and the **Hon. Troy Liburd**, Jr. Minister in the Ministry of Communications, Public Utilities, Public Works, et al, **Nevis Island Administration, St. Kitts & Nevis** who were also present at the Meeting.

At the Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) on Energy, inter alia, Ministers of Energy approved the CARICOM Energy Policy. The significance



Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore (Chair) addressing the Opening Session of the 41st Special COTED (Energy)

of this decision was highlighted by the Honourable Rayburn Blackmoore who was also Chairman of the Special COTED in his observation at the Opening Session that the adoption of the policy was “historic, bearing in mind this year marks 40 years since the oil crisis”. “We recognise therefore from a collective standpoint if we are to really realise economic development there must be something deliberate by way of a policy direction on energy,” he said, adding there is a need to develop the energy sector to reduce the cost of energy. Minister Blackmoore said that the policy document in itself takes into account the efforts of all Member States and “it will provide a road map with specific timelines which will serve as a guide for Member States.” Special thanks to Government of Trinidad and Tobago for hosting the 41st Special COTED (Energy) and also to Government of Germany for the sponsorship support provided.

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THE CARICOM ENERGY POLICY IN BULLETS

The following provides a summary of the CARICOM Energy Policy:

GOAL/VISION: Fundamental transformation of the energy sectors of the Member States of the Community through the provision of secure and sustainable supplies of energy in a manner which minimizes energy waste in all sectors, to ensure that all CARICOM citizens have access to modern, clean and reliable energy supplies at affordable and stable prices, and to facilitate the growth of internationally competitive Regional industries towards achieving sustainable development of the Community.



Post COTED Press Conference (L-R): Joseph Williams (CARICOM Sec.); Sen. the Hon. Kevin Ramnarine (Trinidad & Tobago); Hon. Rayburn Blackmoore (Dominica & Chair COTED); Hon. Phillip Paulwell (Jamaica) and Sen. the Hon. Audrey Grant (Belize)

SUMMARY OF BROAD POLICY ACTIONS: In order to realize the Goal/Vision for the energy sector of the Community, it is the Policy of CARICOM to:

1. Ensure increased energy security through timely access to adequate, reliable and affordable supplies of energy by all Member States of CARICOM.

2. Secure **least cost hydrocarbon resources** for each Member State and ensure that appropriate standards for petroleum and petroleum related products are introduced and enforced.
3. **Diversify the energy sources** through increased use of **renewable energy** in a manner that assures optimization with other sectors.
4. Ensure the **sustainability of the electricity sector** through **increased use of renewable energy, improved legislative and regulatory framework** and **cross border trade of electricity** generated from indigenous renewable energy sources.
5. Promote **energy saving efforts in all sectors**.
6. Promote **fuel switching in the transportation sector** to cleaner energy sources and encourage greater efficiency of energy use in the transportation sector.
7. Undertake the necessary **reforms** in a timely manner to encourage greater **investment in the energy sector**.
8. Ensure **fair pricing and access to hydrocarbon resources** by all Member States to improve the competitiveness of regional industries.
9. Ensure that energy is supplied and consumed in a manner that creates **minimal adverse impact on the environment**.
10. Build and **strengthen the human capacity and skills as well as institutional capacity** within the Region, encourage research and development and increase public education and awareness to ensure energy sector development.
11. **Eliminate energy poverty** and ensure access to clean, affordable and reliable energy supplies by all citizens of the Region.
12. Encourage **sustainable energy practices within all other sectors** and areas where there is linkage to energy use, such as agriculture, youth and culture, etc.
13. Establish **regional and national targets** for the **reduction of greenhouse gas emissions** in the energy sector and implement appropriate mitigation actions relevant to the energy sector.
14. Develop strategies to ensure the availability of energy supplies and products, **a strategic response to any oil spill** and the sustainability of energy services during any crisis.
15. Develop strategies to take advantage of opportunities for **trade in energy services** regionally and internationally.

The Full Policy document can be accessed at the following link:
http://www.caricom.org/jsp/community_organ/energy_programme/CARICOM_energy_policy_march_2013.pdf.

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY ENERGY MINISTERS AT THE 41ST COTED ENERGY



Head Table during Ministerial Working Session of 41st Special COTED Energy (L-R): Ms. Gladys Young, Senior Legal Officer, CARICOM Sec., Mr. Lucien Blackmoore, Permanent Secretary, Ministry responsible for Energy, Dominica, Ms. Desiree Field-Ridley, OIC-TEI, CARICOM Sec., Hon Rayburn Blackmoore (Chairman of COTED), J. Williams, Prog. Manager, Energy, CARICOM Sec.

In addition to the approval of the CARICOM Energy Policy and regional level targets for Renewable Energy (RE) contribution to electricity generation of 20%, 28% and 47% for years 2017, 2022 and 2027 respectively, Energy Ministers also approved and agreed on a number of areas for supporting sustainable energy development in CARICOM. ¹Some of these include, that:

- where feasible the *Net Billing* Option (a variant of the net-metering) as an electricity grid feed-in mechanism be adopted in all CARICOM Member States for encouraging wide-scale adoption of RE through distributive generation in CARICOM.
- funding support being provided by the Government of Germany for a new Technical Assistance Project (called Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance – REETA) should focus on regional institutional support for capacity building and private sector cooperation.
- a regional bio-energy strategy as part of the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy (C-SERMS) framework should be established, building on earlier work.
- a regional energy efficiency labelling standard for electrical appliances and luminaires used in residential and small business sectors, be developed.
- as part of sustainable energy promotion in the Region, CARICOM-wide competitions (e.g. essay competition among students, efficient building among architects and developers, etc.) be developed around RE, Energy Efficiency (EE) and Clean Energy.
- the Latin American Energy Organisation's (OLADE's) National Energy Information System (SIEN) and the Energy-Economic Information System (SIEE) methodologies and tools be adopted for use across CARICOM Member States, to provide a harmonized approach to energy sector data management and energy planning in CARICOM.
- steps should be taken to establish a Caribbean Geothermal Drill Risk Fund.

¹ NB: A summary and loose paraphrasing of decisions are provided

- the CARICOM Secretariat establish an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), as well as membership with IRENA towards the development and implementation of a coherent effective work programme to support RE development in CARICOM.
- the Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS) plays a more direct supporting role (with respect to energy information) to the CARICOM Secretariat in the implementation of the CARICOM Energy Policy and the C-SERMS.

CARICOM Energy Ministers also recognised the contribution made by the Government of Germany in the area of sustainable energy development at the regional level in CARICOM. Germany is the single largest contributor country to sustainable energy at the regional level.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY R&D STUDY/ BUSINESS INNOVATION TOUR



Participants and hosts at APRE in Italy



The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat received grant funding from the Inter-American Development Bank to support the development of the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy (C-SERMS). A Study/Business Innovation Tour aimed at building capacity among renewable energy (RE) project developers, entrepreneurs and researchers in the promotion of technological innovation, and also at facilitating access to funding for RE research and development (R&D) project

proposals under EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), was identified as an activity under the R&D component of C-SERMS Project.

Candidates attending the Study Tour were given the opportunity to collaborate, develop partnerships and foster the exchange of ideas, technology transfer and know-how related to either a renewable energy technology or a new and innovative technology. Two signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) from the Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) were presented to the CARICOM Secretariat and the University of Technology (UTECH), Jamaica, respectively. It is considered that the MoUs will pave the way for further collaboration and easy access to Horizon 2020.

Seven participants from Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago attended the Study Tour which was hosted in Rome, Italy during the period 09-17 March 2013.

While in Italy, the group attended several renewable energy lectures and met with over twelve companies including manufacturers, RE industry developers, researchers and representatives from APRE and Italy's premier research centre, the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA).

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**CARIBBEAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
ROADMAP AND STRATEGY (C-SERMS)
AWARENESS WORKSHOP HELD IN
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 28 FEBRUARY 2013**



CARICOM Secretariat's Programme Manager, Energy, Joseph Williams with Worldwatch Institute Program Manager, Mark Konold and Research Associates, Evan Musolino and Katie Auth

A Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy (C-SERMS) Awareness Workshop was held in Trinidad and Tobago on 28 February 2013 as a side event of the Forty-First Special Meeting of the COTED on Energy.

The overall objectives of the Workshop were to garner feedback and finalize the Study being done to establish Regional sustainable energy targets, as well as, to build awareness about the process going forward to fully establish the C-SERMS. Approximately Sixty persons were in attendance including Senior Energy Officials, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives from the public and private

sectors of CARICOM Member States, regional Universities and technical experts.

The Workshop facilitated discussions on an updated Draft Report of the C-SERMS which incorporated feedback received at the Second Meeting of the C-SERMS Platform held 6 February 2013. Discussions also addressed the energy efficiency dimension of sustainable energy development and sustainable energy in the transportation sector. Subsequently, the targets will be refined and expanded to include energy efficiency measures and the potential impacts of both renewable energy and energy efficiency in the transportation sector, one of the region's largest energy consumers.

The Worldwatch Institute (WWI) was engaged in September 2012 by the CARICOM Secretariat under the IDB-funded C-SERMS Project to develop Phase I of the Sustainable Energy Road map. The C-SERMS will provide an implementation framework for the sustainable energy dimension of the CARICOM Energy Policy.

Based on analyses conducted by WWI, and recommendations through the C-SERMS Platform, initial regional targets for the contribution of renewable energy to electricity generation at the national and Community levels, were approved by CARICOM Ministers with responsibility for Energy at the Forty-First Special Meeting of the COTED (Energy). Among the initial targets that have been set are 20%, 28% and 47% for years 2017, 2022 and 2027 respectively, for the contribution of renewable energy to total electricity generation in the Community. Special thanks to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for Hosting the Workshop and to the Government of Germany and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the sponsorship support provided.

T&T AND GUYANA ENERGY MINISTERS INK MOU ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY RELATED MATTERS

The Governments of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on 1 March 2013 signed a Memorandum of Understanding between both countries that seeks to promote greater cooperation in energy and energy related matters over the next two years.



Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Sen. the Hon. Kevin Ramnarine, and Guyana's Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, the Hon. Robert Persaud at the signing of the MoU on Cooperation in Energy related matters

Under the MoU, both parties will meet annually (or sooner, as mutually agreed) to review the status of the cooperation executed under the MOU, which includes support for the following areas:

- Support for off-shore exploration activities, and sourcing of equipment for the development of energy and energy-related projects;
- Coordinating and implementing projects and activities related to renewable energy which may include hydro-electric power, solar, wind, tidal, wave, geo-thermal and biomass energy and biofuels; and
- Strengthening of public sector institutions involved in energy and energy-related projects, and organising joint conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings, training sessions and other educational programmes.

The MoU will allow for the sharing of institutional knowledge and the strengthening of capacity in both the oil and gas, and renewable energy sectors between the two countries.

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Gary Jackson Departs CARILEC: Dr. Gary Jackson has resigned from his post as Executive Director, CARILEC effective 28 February 2013. Dr. Jackson brought a wealth of knowledge to the position of Executive Director and under his leadership CARILEC has made significant strides in developing new relationships with international development agencies and energy organizations. This will redound to the long term benefit of the electric utility industry, electricity customers and other stakeholders as the industry faces the challenge of reducing its dependence on imported oil. The CARICOM Energy Unit extends best wishes to Dr. Jackson in his future endeavours.

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Bon Voyage Sandra Britton

Ms. Sandra Britton's tenure at the CARICOM Secretariat comes to an end on 4 April 2013. Ms. Britton joined the CARICOM Energy Unit in September of 2011 as Project Manager of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)-funded Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy (C-SERMS) Project. Her wealth of experience working in the energy sector contributed significantly to the successful development of Phase I of the C-SERMS.



Ms. Sandra Britton

The Energy Unit thanks Ms. Britton for her contribution towards the successful execution of the C-SERMS Project and extends best wishes for success in her future endeavours.

IRENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING



Dr. Jerrol Thompson, Advisor on Energy to Prime Minister, St. Vincent and Grenadines (shown on screen) makes a point at the 3rd IRENA General Assembly Meeting

The Third General Assembly Meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was held on 13-14 January 2013 in Abu Dhabi, and the CARICOM Secretariat represented by its Programme Manager, Energy, participated as an Observer. Four CARICOM Member States were also represented, viz, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Guyana, and St. Vincent and Grenadines.

The CARICOM Secretariat representative delivered a presentation on the Strategic Approach to Sustainable Energy being pursued in CARICOM. It was mutually concluded that based on the scope and modalities of support proposed by IRENA for CARICOM, it would be beneficial for IRENA to engage with the CARICOM Secretariat on a specific work programme through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**. Arising from the

discussions at the Meetings, the CARICOM Secretariat considers that the tools and support for RE Mapping and Renewables Readiness Assessments (RRAs), as well as, IRENA's capacity to assist with the deployment of roadmaps are particularly relevant to the efforts in CARICOM to establish the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy (CSERMS).

IRENA's Director-General, Adnan Z. Amin, launched the Global Renewable Energy Islands Network (GREIN) as a platform for pooling knowledge, sharing best practices, and seeking innovative solutions for accelerated uptake of clean and cost-effective renewable energy technologies on islands. Ministers and other participants from 48 countries had called on IRENA to establish such a network at the Renewables and Islands Meeting in Malta in September 2012. The CARICOM Secretariat considers the GREIN as a useful vehicle to provide support for Member States and sought to encourage Member States to join the Initiative.

Executive Development Program on Energy Planning



In March 2013, the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) commenced the Executive Development Program on Energy Planning (EDPEP) that targets energy professionals from Government and private sector agencies, Universities and Research Institutes, as well as,

Consultants. The broad objective of the Program is to update and improve the knowledge and skills of professionals in issues related to energy planning in countries of the Latin American and Caribbean Region.

The online training Programme commenced on 18 March 2013 and concludes on 19 July 2013 with a one week face-to-face workshop scheduled for 15-19 July in Cuba. The CARICOM Secretariat promoted the Training Programme among Member States as part of an on-going collaboration between the CARICOM Secretariat and being conducted by OLADE under a Memorandum of Understanding. Among the EDPEP participants is one CARICOM Secretariat staff.

Workshop Held to Mark Close-out of ADA Component of the CREDP/GIZ Project

A workshop highlighting the main achievements of the Austrian Development Agency's (ADA) support and to mark the end of the ADA Project component was held in the Dominican Republic on 5 March 2013 at the Office of the National Energy Commission (CNE).

The CREDP/GIZ Project benefited from support to tune 0.75 Million Euros which was added to the pool of resources available for supporting sustainable energy development in CARICOM. The

main focus of the support was for the installation of infrastructure type projects in the form of pilots. In CARICOM, the following Projects benefited from support under the ADA's contribution, viz i) Solar PV Demo Project in Guyana at the Guyana Energy Agency; ii) Efficient LED Street Lighting Project in St. Vincent and Grenadines; iii) Energy Efficiency retrofit to Hospital in Saint Lucia and iv) Solar PV installation at the Office of the Prime Minister in Antigua and Barbuda. Support was also provided for solar PV installation at the National Energy Commission in Dominican Republic. The workshop facilitated the consolidation of important lessons which will further inform sustainable energy implementation in CARICOM.



Section of the Meeting for Close-out of ADA Component of the CREDP-GIZ Project on 5 March 2103 in the Dominican Republic

OAS CSEP Project Host Workshop on Energy Efficiency Designs for Office and Public Buildings in Tropical Climates



Participants at the Workshop

The Organisation of American States (OAS) Secretariat through the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Program (CSEP) and the Energy Efficiency Working Group of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), hosted a workshop on energy efficiency designs for office and public buildings in tropical climates. The event took place at the Bay Gardens Inn in Rodney Bay from February 28th through March 1st, 2013. The CARICOM Secretariat is a Partner of the CSEP Project.

The Workshop addressed the capacity of Governments and energy stakeholders in charge of

developing standards and provided guidance on opportunities and challenges linked to energy efficiency measures and renewable energy conversion technologies in buildings. A roundtable was held to debate future challenges, gaps and barriers linked to the implementation of energy efficiency standards, ways to advance discussions on this topic with policymakers, and next steps for their successful deployment. The Delegates also highlighted the need to create greater public awareness in the Caribbean with regard to energy efficiency.

Approximately 40 participants from the National Standards Bodies and Energy Desks of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, delegates from the European Union, the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ), the Embassy of Mexico in Saint Lucia, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat, the Government of Germany through its Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme (CREDP/GIZ), engineers and members of the Saint Lucia Institute of Architects attended the event.

Participants provided feedback on the prospective guidelines on energy efficiency designs for office buildings, which were developed the Consultants Trama TecnoAmbiental (TTA). Paulo Cesar Galván Tobón, from the Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy (CONUEE) of Mexico, announced his Government's willingness to support the efforts of Caribbean nations in the advancement of energy efficiency policies and regulations.

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ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES BENEFITING FROM SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

by Leonard Deane, Project Coordinator

Member countries of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) are currently receiving additional technical support to complement their on-going initiatives toward establishing a clearer path to a more sustainable energy future. Such technical support has been made possible through grant funding in excess of US \$1.5 million provided by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to the Secretariat to the OECS for the Sustainable Energy Technical Assistance (SETA) Project.



Leonard Deane, Project Coordinator, SETA

Objectives and Outputs of SETA

The general objective of the SETA project is *"to provide the guiding framework and create an enabling environment to support the efficient and sustainable production and use of energy in the Member Countries of the OECS"*.

Specifically, SETA activities are delivering:

- an **OECS Sub-Regional Energy Efficiency Strategy** complemented by **National Energy Efficiency Strategies and Action Plans** as part of an overall cost reduction programme;
- **model legislation including regulations and rules for energy management** in the OECS within the context of the OECS Economic Union that foster the implementation of initiatives for the efficient and sustainable production and utilization of energy; and
- a **public education and awareness programme** that will address the knowledge, attitudes and practice of the general public within the OECS as it pertains to energy efficiency.

Update on Activities

- The consultancy to deliver an **OECS Sub-Regional Energy Efficiency Strategy complemented by National Energy Efficiency Strategies and Action Plans** commenced in June 2012. As part of the consultancy process, the consultants facilitated two Sub-Regional Workshops in Saint Lucia during July 2012 and February 2013, along with national stakeholder consultations in each OECS Member Country to inform the development of proposed strategies and action plans. The consultants are expected to deliver their final recommendations to the OECS Member Countries by June 2013.
- The consultancy to deliver **model legislation including regulations and rules for energy management** commenced in February 2013. The consultants conducted their inception mission to Saint Lucia which included attendance to the Second Sub-Regional Workshop to develop the OECS Sub-Regional Energy Efficiency Strategy complemented by National Energy Efficiency Strategies and Action Plans. This consultancy is expected to be completed by February 2014.
- The consultancy to deliver a **Public Education and Awareness Programme on Energy Efficiency** commenced in September 2012. The consultants carried out baseline surveys in OECS Member States to determine the knowledge, attitudes and practice (KAP) of the general public within the OECS as it pertains to renewable energy and energy efficiency. The results of these KAP surveys, along with a proposed awareness strategy and national awareness action plans, were presented at a Sub-Regional Stakeholder Workshop organized in Saint Lucia during February 2013. The final phase of this consultancy will launch the public education and awareness campaign over a period of six months until end first quarter 2014.

GREIN INTEREST CLUSTERS ON ROADMAPS AND POWER GRIDS LAUNCHED UNDER GREIN

A launch of the interest clusters on technology deployment roadmaps for islands and power grid integration on islands under the Global Renewable Energy Islands Network (GREIN) initiative, established at the Third Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was held in Auckland, New Zealand on 24 March 2013.

Seven countries including one Member State, namely, Jamaica participated in the launch meeting while an additional twenty seven countries have expressed an interest in either one or both of the interest clusters including, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Technology Roadmaps for Islands

IRENA has secured funding to develop technology roadmaps for three islands, viz, one in the Pacific, Caribbean and AIMS regions by June 2014. The interest cluster discussed recommendations for the development of a template and terms of reference for a standard roadmap. Solomon Fifita, Deputy Director for Energy at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, was elected by acclamation as roadmaps interest cluster leader.

Power Grid Integration on Islands

IRENA has also secured funding to engage up to five islands for power grid stability studies through mid-2014. The interest cluster discussed a number of possible criteria to select islands for grid stability studies. Andrew Daka, Executive Director of the Pacific Power Association, was elected by acclamation as leader of the interest cluster on power grid integration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2013 CARILEC CEO's Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, 27-29 May 2013
- V Latin American and Caribbean Energy Efficiency Seminar, Quito, Ecuador, 8-9 May 2013
- Twelfth World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition, Havana, Cuba, 3-5 June 2013
- International Conference on Science and Technology for Economic Diversification, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 5-7 June 2013
- Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF) 2013, Westin Resort and Casino, Aruba, 9-11 October 2013.
- CARICOM Energy Week, 10-16 November 2013